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COMSAT CORPORATION. Found that Comsat's request to reorganize as describe is consistent with the public interest and Commission policy. (By MO&O [DA 96-12] adopted January 16, 1996, by the Chief, International Bureau)

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The following item dated January 12, 1996, was not released until January 16 due to Government shutdown caused by inclement weather.

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ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION. Granted application for special temporary authority to test all transponders on USABSS-3 of the DBS. (By Order [DA 96-10] adopted December 21, 1995, by the Chief, International Bureau)

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The following item, released Dec. 20, was not listed previously on any Digest:

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RADIOFONE, INC. Denied "Emergency Request for Stay" filed by Radiofone, Inc. of the C Block Broadband PCS auction and associated rules. (By Order [DA 95-2496] adopted December 20, 1995, by the Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau)

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Addenda: The following items released January 11 were not listed on Digest 1:

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NEWS RELEASES

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FCC AMENDS THE "BUILD-OUT" RULES FOR THE INTERACTIVE VIDEO AND DATA SERVICE (IVDS), (Report No. WT 96-1, Wireless Telecom Action)

The FCC has amended its rules to modify the "build-out" requirements for the IVDS. The Commission's action eliminates the one-year build-out requirement, while retaining the three-year and five-year build-out requirements.

Action by the Commission December 14, 1995, by Report & Order (FCC 95-506).

News Media contact: Stacey Reuben Mesa at (202) 418-0654. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau contact: Donna L. Kanin at (202) 418-0656.

#### FCC AFFIRMS GRANT OF CABLE LANDING LICENSE TO OPTEL

The Commission denied AT&T's petition for reconsideration of the Commission's grant of a license to land a fiber optic cable between the U.S. and Canada to Optel Communications, Inc. (Optel).

Action by the Commission on December 1, 1995 by Order on Reconsideration (FCC 95-485).

News Media contact: Kara Palamaras at (202) 418-0500. International Bureau contact: Kerry E. Murray at (202) 418-1494.

#### INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FINDS SWEDEN PROVIDES EQUIVALENT RESALE OPPORTUNITIES TO U.S. CARRIERS, (Report No. IN 96-1 , International Action)

Today, the International Bureau took another step to advance competition in international services by finding that equivalent resale opportunities exist in Sweden for U.S. based carriers.

For further information contact Helene T. Schrier, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division, (202) 418-1466.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU  
CLARIFIES FORM 175 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
AUCTION OF DBS CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND  
ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC  
FORM 175 SOFTWARE - Wireless Telecommunications  
Bureau contacts: Diane Conley at (202) 418-0660 and Jay  
Markley at (202) 418-0600.

AUCTIONS DIVISION DENIES WAIVER REQUEST  
SUBMITTED BY C BLOCK APPLICANTS.

Report No. 23653A - FM BROADCAST STATION  
APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING JANUARY 11,  
1996.

Report No. CS 96-1 - CABLE SERVICES ACTION --  
OMB APPROVES FCC FORM 1240 ANNUAL  
UPDATING OF MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATES FOR  
REGULATED CABLE SERVICES - Media contact:  
Morgan Broman (202) 416-0852; Cable Services Bureau  
contacts: Nancy Stevenson or Alex Byron at (202) 416-0800  
[DA 96-7].

Report No. CS 96-2 - CABLE SERVICES ACTION --  
CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ANNOUNCES  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS IN FOUR  
SEPERATE PROCEEDINGS - Media contact: Morgan  
Broman (202) 416-0852; Cable Services Bureau contact:  
Meryl S. Icové at (202) 416-0800. [DA 96-11].

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### TEXTS

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SPRINT CORPORATION. Approved Sprint alliance with France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom to ensure U.S. consumers enjoy expanded service at lower prices. (By Declaratory Ruling & Order [FCC 95-498] adopted December 15, 1995, by the Commission)

INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS. Proposed rulemaking seeking comments on possible changes in the regulatory treatments of interconnection compensation arrangements between LECs and CMRS providers and related issues. Comments due February 26, 1996 and replies March 12, 1996. (CC Docket No. 95-185 and CC Docket No. 94-54 by NPRM [FCC 95-505] adopted December 15, 1995, by the Commission)

OPTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. See second item listed under "News Releases" released January 11, 1996.

ADVANCED TELEVISION SYSTEMS AND THEIR IMPACT UPON THE EXISTING TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICE. Granted extension of time for filing reply comments to January 22, 1996. (MM Docket No. 87-268 by Order [DA 96-8] by the the Chief, Mass Media Bureau)

ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION. Granted application for authority to launch its USABSS-3 Direct Broadcast Satellite. (By Order [DA 96-3] adopted December 21, 1995, by the Chief, International Bureau)

ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION. Granted application for modification of construction permit for a DBS system. (By Order [DA 96-4] adopted December 21, 1995, by the Chief, International Bureau)

ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION. Granted, in part, application for extension of time to construct, launch, and operate a DBS System to August 15, 1996. (By Order [DA 96-5] adopted December 21, 1995, by the Chief, International Bureau)

DIRECTSAT CORPORATION. Granted application for extension of time to construct, launch, and operate a DBS System to August 15, 1999. (By Order [DA 96-6] adopted December 21, 1995, by the Chief, International Bureau)